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This book addresses the issue of living with dyslexia, illuminating the problems using first-person accounts and personal histories of child and adult dyslexics, even entire dyslexic families. Dubbed the "middle class disease" by some and a "specific learning disability" by others, dyslexia affects one in 25 persons. Although dyslexia can involve a frustrating range of problems which conspire against an individual's working with print, letter and word recognition, and writing, many professionals refuse to acknowledge its existence as a diagnosable condition, distinct from other causes of low reading ability. The book considers the frustrations and difficulties experienced by dyslexics and their feelings of relief when their condition is diagnosed: their peculiar difficulties have a name--they are not alone. In most cases, special accommodations and education can imrove dyslexics' functional abilities. Appendixes advise on recognizing dyslexia and list resources. (NKA)

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